

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Apostolopoulos

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For: BRIDGE PLATFORM

Art Unit: 3634

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

After a filing date has been granted to the above-identified application and preliminary to examination, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

Cancel claim 1.

Please add the following claims:

15. In combination with a bridge having a deck, a platform disposed below said bridge deck and attached to said bridge and extending along a portion of the bridge for supporting persons performing work on the bridge portion and for collecting debris resulting from the work, the platform comprising:

a) a plurality of cables extending along said bridge and in spaced relation to each other and in a plane substantially parallel to the plane of said bridge deck;

b) means at each end of said cables for securing said cables to said bridge so that the plane of the cables is at a

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